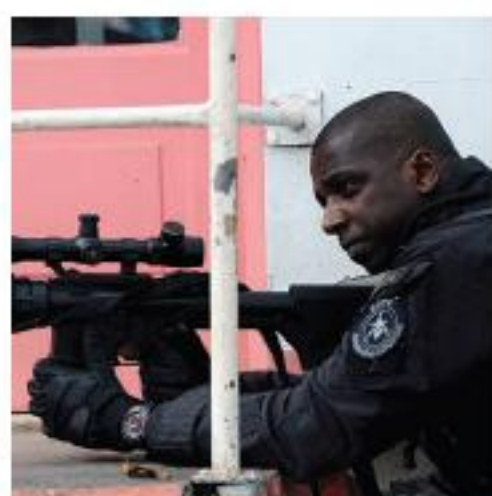




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## King's Day, this Saturday!



ORANJESTAD – The first King's Day celebration, which is the day of his birthday, would normally be this Sunday, April 27. In the Netherlands it is customary that if King's Day is on a Sunday they celebrate it a day before.

The Aruba government has decided to celebrate the first King's Day on the same day as the Netherlands, thus April

26. According to art. 22 of the Labor ordinance, this day is considered an official holiday.

Compensation when working on a holiday?

For the HORECA, – the casino and continuous sector, a holiday can be a normal working day. In case an employee is scheduled to work on a holiday, he has the right for a 200% salary

compensation. If he has to work overtime (for the HORECA and casino sector 9 hours, for the continuous sector 8 hours) then he has the right of a 250% overtime salary pay.

For shift workers, it is allowed to schedule an employee to work 6 of the 11 holidays, according to the official list announced by the Department of Labor – DAO – Director on January 1, 2014. The employee has the right of a 200% salary pay. If that employee has worked more than his 8 regular hours then he has the right to a 250% overtime salary pay.

For other sectors (i.e. supermarkets and business in general) the holidays are considered an off day. If an employee has to work on a holiday, it is considered overtime and the employee has the right of a 250% overtime salary pay.

DAO kindly asks all employers and employees to take good notice of these changes.

## Strike halts work on Panama expansion

PANAMA CITY, (AFP) – Work to expand the Panama Canal -- interrupted earlier this year for a dispute over cost overruns -- halted yesterday, this time for a strike by workers demanding higher wages.

"The project to enlarge the Panama Canal ... is paralyzed," said Saul Mendez, secretary general of the construction-worker union Suntracs.

Work had halted for 15 days in February in a row over who would pay for an estimated \$1.6 billion in cost overruns in the multi-billion-dollar project to build extra locks on the 80-kilometer (50-mile) waterway linking the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

The project was already running late, and is now estimated to be up to a year behind schedule. It had originally been due to be completed next year.

Now the union is demanding wage increases of 20 percent, which the employers have said is excessive.

Grupo Unidos por el Canal (GUPC), the consortium running the expansion project, said that Suntracs workers "are heeding the call to strike," which "is impacting the work schedule of this project."

The canal, completed by US interests in 1914 to create a shortcut and safer journey for maritime traffic, is used by 13,000 to 14,000 ships each year.

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SAN FRANCISCO -- People undergo dental procedures during the Bridges to Health medical and dental clinic on April 23, 2014 in San Francisco, California. Hundreds of people lined up for the first of four free medical and dental clinics hosted by the Bridges to Health in San Francisco and Oakland. More than 500 healthcare professionals and volunteers will perform no-cost services that include root canals, fillings, women's health services and STD/HIV screening. (AFP PHOTO)

### TODAY'S WEATHER



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Wind: E - 23 mph  
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Sunset: 6:53 pm





# LOCAL NEWS

## The new Xander Bogaerts jerseys are in, Win one this Sunday!



ORANJESTAD -- A principal Aruban sponsor of Xander Bogaerts and his Dare to Dream Foundation for island youth is the locally brewed and bottled Malta Balashi from Balashi Breweries. A non-alcoholic, natural energy drink, it is a favorite among Little Leaguers during events, and Xander acknowledged his drink of choice.

Malta Balashi has already conducted a campaign that sent an Aruban family to enjoy a Boston Red Sox spring training exhibition game in Orlando. This Sunday, April 27, Malta Balashi is sponsoring a fun day for all young players at the Rockets Baseball Field

in Santa Cruz, where the newest Xander Bogaerts souvenir jerseys will be on sale by members of his Dare to Dream Foundation.

Funds raised by the sale of the shirts will go to implementing its purpose: providing young players the necessary equipment and transportation to participate in local Little League and ABBA games. Xander is well aware

there are many talented young ballplayers on the island without the means to do so, and he wishes to see all these young athletes are able to realize their dream, as he did his.

One of those dreams was to eventually wear the number of one of his idols of baseball throughout his youth, Derek Jeter, the legendary shortstop with the New York Yankees. This year, Boston awarded him the position and the number he yearned for, "2." The Dare to Dream Foundation is selling the souvenir shirts to assist them in their purpose, in children's ages 8 to 12 and in adult sizes from small



Additional prizes for the current XB campaign

to XXL. They are \$30 and \$35, respectively.

During Sunday's event, which begins at 4:30 P.M. a free tee shirt will accompany the purchase of six packs of Malta Balashi. The company is also introducing their new Malta Balashi Keg, so teams can keep the beverage on draft for their players. There will be free tastings of Malta Balashi, as well as various competitions enabling participants to win a Xander Bogaerts jersey, such as a Homerun Derby in several age divisions. Malta Balashi invites all baseball and Bogaerts fans to join them in the late afternoon for this day of fun and fundraising. Entrance is free.

Representing the Dare to Dream Foundation, Caroline Broeksema and Collins John also reminded all baseball managers and coaches to contact

them for foundation assistance for any of their players that qualify. XB Dare to Dream is ready to assist by outfitting young players, but they cannot do so if they are not submitted a profile. Parents are also welcome to contact the foundation at: XBdaretodream@gmail.com or call 690-0172. They are anxious to begin the work that is the purpose of the foundation, but require input from those working with young island baseball players.

For continuing updates on the Xander Bogaerts Dare to Dream Foundation, visit their Facebook page, and to stay current on Malta Balashi promotions that award valuable prizes and opportunities to meet this up and coming baseball star, check out their Facebook Page, Malta Balashi Aruba.

## Responsible campers on Eagle Beach.



ORANJESTAD -- Last Thursday at 11 PM a huge Leatherback Sea Turtle came ashore to lay her eggs. The campers in front of La Quinta called the Turtle Hotline at once and then turned off all the lights in their "campamento".

When the volunteers of Turtugaruba arrived ten minutes later, the beach was completely dark. On both sides of the sea turtle, at a distance of at least 20 meters, about 100 people were watching how the turtle - undisturbed - was looking for the best spot to make her nest.

Turtugaruba told the onlookers about the life cycle of the sea turtles in general. But also about the female turtle that was nesting that night. She is the biggest Leatherback female so far in 2014. The same turtle visit-

ed Aruba also in 2001, 2003, 2005, 2009 and 2012. Her nickname is "Hole", named after a hole in one of her flippers observed the first time she made her nest on Eagle Beach in 2001.

Two more nests were laid during the Easter weekend, that makes a total of 9 nests so far. More Leatherback nests will follow till July.

At the end of this month another species will start to nest. The Loggerhead Sea Turtle is a little smaller than the Leatherback. On Aruba the Loggerhead is called Cawama. This species does not nest at Eagle Beach.

For more information or to report any turtle activity on the beach: call Turtle Hotline (297) 592 9393.

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## LOCAL NEWS

# The Department of motor vehicle inspection announces changes in inspection procedure

ORANJESTAD – The Department of Technical Inspection (DTI) reminds everyone to take their motor vehicle for inspection on time. The DTI subsection is in charge of inspecting motor vehicles as well as trailers and semi-trailers.

Inspection are conducted by appointment. To make an appointment call tel.: telephone 584-2096/5845300, sent a fax to 584-2008, an e-mail to dti@setarnet.aw or pass at the DTI office in Pos Chiquito 47. Make sure to have the necessary documents on hand which are: brand, model and manufacture year of the vehicle and your name and telephone

number.

As of July 1, 2014 every person who makes an appointment for inspection must pay in advance. This measure is introduced because about 25% of those making appointments for inspection do not keep them; this is very inconsiderate to all parties. Individuals wishing for an appointment for inspection MUST go personally at the DTI office to get one. There will be no more appointments via telephone, fax or e-mail (until further notice). DTI will continue working on a better appointment system.

On the day of the inspection, everyone must be present at least

15 minutes prior to their appointment to register the vehicle at the DTI counter. The required documents are old inspection certificate, the SIAD registration form and a valid insurance certificate. After registering, all must take their vehicles to the inspection hall to wait their turn.

Inspectors check for: the Vehicle Identification number, type and color of vehicle, lights and horn (must be of only one tune). Also all the windows, wipers, mirror, brakes and parking brake, steering wheel mechanism, if the car throws smoke and its general condition.

Also controlled are the type of fuel the car

uses and its weight. If this does not agree with the tax to be paid, the chauffeur must go to SIAD to make the necessary changes. Once the vehicle passes the inspection, a sticker will be pasted on the right corner of the windshield.

If, for one reason or the other, the vehicle does not pass the in-

spection, the owner is allowed a chance to fix the faults and must return within 30 days for one last time, to pass the inspection. In case the vehicle doesn't pass the inspection a second time, the owner must make another appointment for a new inspection.

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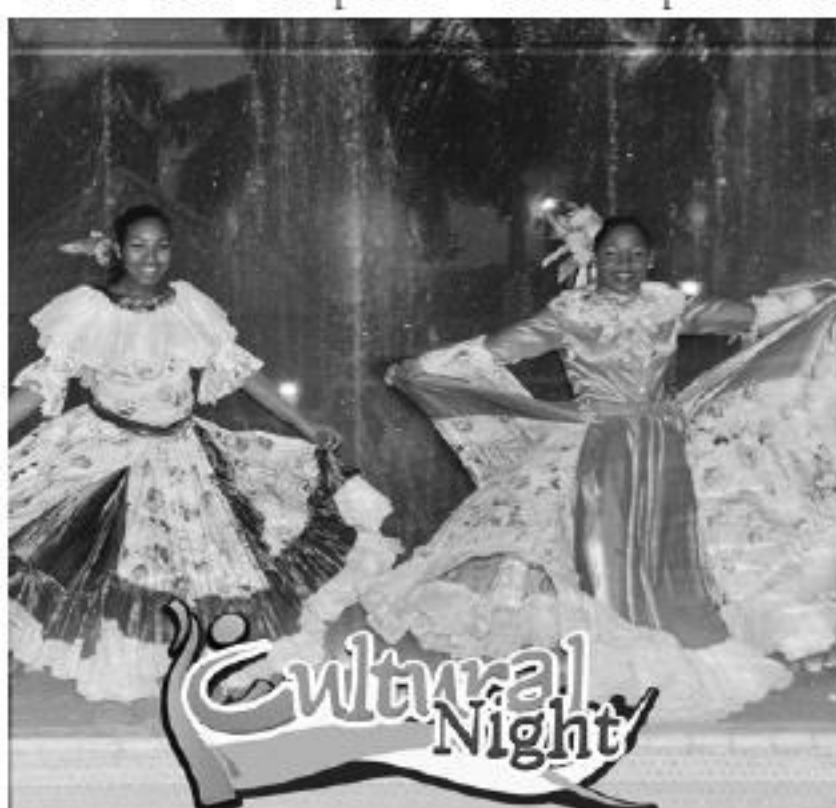
- Vehicles with a weight of no more than 3500 kg: Afl. 30.-

- Vehicles that weight more than 3500 kg: Afl. 60 and for every extra axis Afl. 30.-

- The inspection certificate: Afl. 20.-

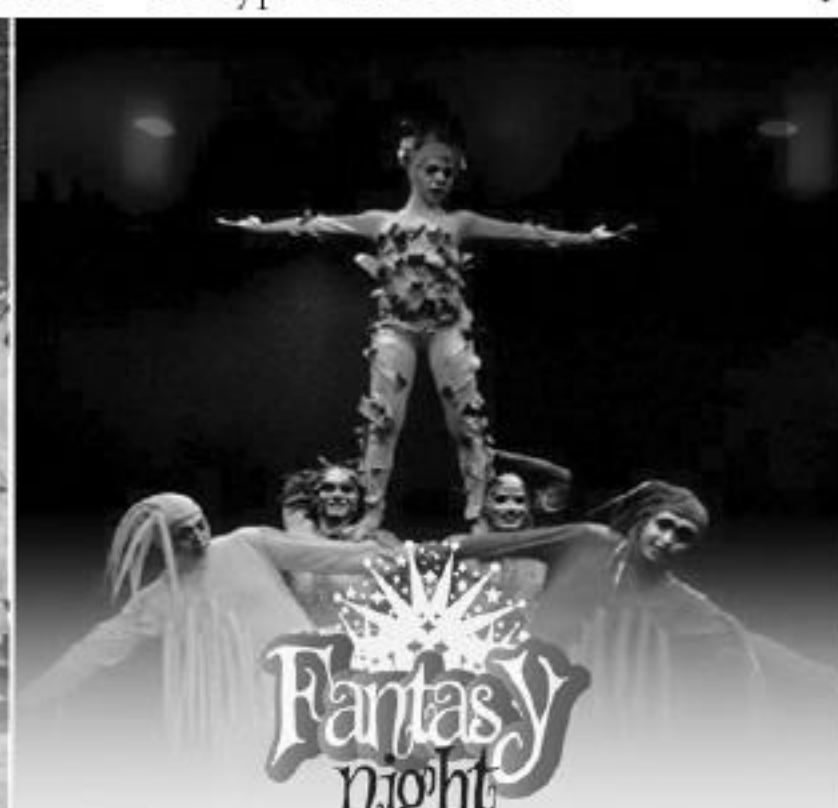
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## Santa Rosa Open House this weekend!

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PIEDRA PLAT-- The Santa Rosa Center of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries will be conducting their once a month Open House this coming Sunday, April 27. It will be combined with the celebration of World Earth Day, which is April 22. The festive events offers ample opportunity to purchase plants that will produce fresh fruits and vegetables for the kitchen table, medicinal herbs and teas, as well as information on smart agricultural practices in the home garden.

A favorite portion of the monthly event is the diverse selection of fresh local snacks and meals on sale by island vendors. Among those who have confirmed their participation, there will be gourmet vegetarian snacks, soups and full meals of local fish, including lion fish, Cabrito, or goat stew, along with oyster and seafood soup.

Also on the menu are

grilled and stewed beef, and chicken with favorite Aruban side dishes such as plantains, funchi (the local version of polenta), paella, keri-keri (Aruban bacalao), chorizo, Blood sausage, chicken bread and Johnnycake with salt fish. All the favorite down-home Caribbean cuisine will be available to hungry visitors for a delectable and inexpensive taste of Aruba.

To accompany these tasty dishes, a wide variety of freshly made juices from local fruits will be offered, many of which have remarkable properties for good health.

The Santa Rosa Open House is conducted from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM at their center in Piedra Plat. It is an informative day filled with entertainment for all the family, including their petting zoo for little ones, as well as important information on cultivating your own fresh food.



## LOCAL NEWS

# Rex Photography Aruba received 2014 Arch of Europe Award

ORANJESTAD – Recently, Aruba received the pleasant news that our own photographer Reynaldo Ponson, aka Rex, of Rex Photography Aruba, received the 2014 Arch of Europe award. This recognition is based on the criteria of the QC100 quality model, implemented in over 100 countries.

The ceremony took place in the Inter-Continental Frankfurt Convention Hall in Frankfurt, Germany. Rex received the award from the hands of BID Director Jose Prieto, accompanied by other BID members. Afterwards they took pictures of this special moment.

The 27th International Arch of Europe Convention Frankfurt 2014 is part of the annual program of B.I.D., Business Initiative Directions Awards, designed to recognize the prestige of the out-



standing companies, organizations, and businessmen in the business world.

Rex was recognized in the quality and technology category in entertainment and photography.

For Rex this was a memorable moment, being from a small island as is Aruba, to

receive such a high honor. He thanked everyone present and pledged to continue giving the best of himself to render the best quality service in the world of social network and entertainment world to our Aruban community.

Visit Rex at [www.rexaruba.com](http://www.rexaruba.com)

## New law: 'No Dutch, no assistance'

THE NETHERLANDS -- Those who do not speak Dutch and do not want to learn the language will lose his social assistance within a year. The law "no Dutch, no assistance" will come into effect next year. The proposal appears in a bill that was recently sent to the State Council by Sec-

retary of State Klijnsma.

It states that those who apply for social assistance must speak basic Dutch. That means you should be able to carry a simple conversation in Dutch on everyday things. When in doubt, municipalities can test a person's ability to speak the language. Those

who do not speak the language are required to learn it.

Those who refuse to learn Dutch will immediately have a 20% cut on their social assistance. If, after six months, the applicant still has still made no progress, the cut will be 40%, and after a year he will lose his benefit completely.

## A startling start to an Aruban sojourn is salvaged by a joyous life-changing event

ORANJESTAD -- The Davidson family of Long Island, New York were very excited about this year's visit to Aruba. Douglas and Pauline Davidson, and their sons, Daniel and Adam, were returning for the fourth time as a family with this also being the occasion of Daniel becoming a Bar Mitzvah, conducted by Rabbi Daniel Kripper at the Temple Beth Israel synagogue in Oranjestad.

Frequent visitors to the island, it struck them as one of the best ways to celebrate this momentous moment in their lives, in a place they mutually adored, with their closest family and friends. They were thrilled at the idea of Pauline's parents, Nana Selma and Pop-Pop Stanley, as well as Doug's father Bruce and his sister Julie with her husband, Jon, joining them with their two daughters to share with them this milestone event.

Unfortunately, upon arrival, Pop-Pop Stanley collapsed at the airport from travel fatigue and hit his head quite hard when he fell. Their Saturday morning Bar Mitzvah plans had to be cancelled, as Stanley spent the weekend in the Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital under close observation.

Fortunately, "alls well that ends well," and the Aruba synagogue and Rabbi Kripper were most accommodating. The Davidson family joined the Passover Service on Tuesday morning at the Oranjestad temple for Daniel to become a Bar Mitzvah. He had worked very hard to master his Hebrew and learn his prayers, as had his devoted parents and younger brother.

Rabbi Kripper complimented Daniel on his performance and offered a resounding "Mazel Tov!" on his officially becoming an adult member of the congregation. Daniel's parents, grandparents, aunt, uncle and cousins retired to The Palms restaurant in the Hyatt Aruba Resort for a sumptuous celebratory luncheon of his ritual initiation into Jewish adulthood.

Pop-Pop Stanley was sufficiently recovered from his fall



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With Pop Pop Stanley and Nana Selma

to enjoy the festivities, and Daniel's parents were very well pleased with the warm reception they received from Rabbi Kripper. Local members of the island congregation were happy to share the special moment with them, along with their Passover prayers.



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## LOCAL NEWS

## Madison Mackey honored at the Ritz Carlton

Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority honored a very special visitor on her 10th consecutive visit to the island, as a Distinguished Visitor of Aruba. This special event took place at the Ritz Carlton Aruba for the first time since the Resort just opened last November. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 10 to 19 consecutive years.

The honoree was Miss Madison Mackey from Slingerland NY, and she received the certificate together with her mom and dad, Warren and Denyse Mackey and her sister Michaela. Madison's parents have been visiting Aruba for 15 consecutive years already and brought the girls with them since they were babies. The family loves Aruba very much because of the friendly people, snorkeling at Baby Beach, ice cream at the High rise hotel area and dinner at the various restaurants. Aruba feels like a second home to them. The certificate was presented to her by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Ms. Michella Jansen Guest Relations Coordinator at the Ritz Carlton Aruba.



## Dutch passport gives access to 171 countries without any restrictions

THE HAGUE/ORANJESTAD— All those who have the Dutch passport can enter 171 countries without any restrictions. In other words, they don't need visas.

The Netherlands is in the third group with the best passport. This is according to the Henley & Partners Visa Restrictions Index.

Citizens of Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom held the best passports for global travel last year, with visa-free access to 173 countries.

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## Bonbi came out to play at The Aruba Marriott Resort



PALM BEACH — On Wednesday April 16, guests young and old at the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino received a special visit from Bonbi, Aruba's official mascot. Bonbi walked around the hotel to meet and greet the young ones and their

parents who were all excited to spend time with the cheerful lizard.

Bonbi is a blue lizard that stands for the Aruban 'cododo' and is part of the One Happy Family Program, which is a promotion, sponsored by the Aruba Tourism Authority.

As part of the program, families with kids 12 years and younger will receive one VIK (Very Important Kid) passport per family when they mention "One Happy Family Package" at check-in and will be eligible to participate in an exciting adventure to be entered to win a return family vacation for four.

"The One Happy Family Program is great initiative for families visiting the island looking to have a fun time together seeing that the package includes special offers on accommodation and family activities" shared Keirsin Tjon Pian Gi, PR & eCommerce Manager of the resort.

Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino is a proud participant of the One Happy Family Program and was excited to host Bonbi's first resort visit.

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# WORLD NEWS

## WhatsApp says it now has half billion users

WASHINGTON (AFP) - WhatsApp now has 500 million regular, active users around the world, the free mobile messaging service being acquired by Facebook said. That is up from an estimated 450 million as of late February, as the service's reach expanded rapidly in countries including Brazil, India, Mexico, and Russia. WhatsApp said Tuesday on its blog that its users are also sharing more than 700 million photos and 100 million videos a day. Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg announced in February that his social network is acquiring WhatsApp for \$19 billion. The stock and cash purchase marries WhatsApp's steadily growing user base with Facebook's 1.2 billion active users. The huge price tag raised eyebrows but Zuckerberg told the Mobile World Congress in Spain days after the announcement that he believes WhatsApp is actually worth much more. He argued that there are very few services that reach so many millions of people in the world. The acquisition would be Facebook's largest ever.

## Syria lawmaker becomes first presidential challenger



DAMASCUS (AFP) - An independent Syrian lawmaker registered Wednesday as the first challenger in a June presidential election widely expected to return incumbent Bashar al-Assad to power despite a raging civil war. Assad's government hit back at a torrent of international criticism of its decision to call the election despite the violence that has killed more than 150,000 people in three years, insisting it was its sovereign right to do so. Assad has yet to declare his own candidacy but he is widely expected to stand and win a new seven-year term. The authorities have not spelt out how they plan to hold a credible election with as much as 60 percent of Syria's territory and 40 percent of its population outside their control, according to French geographer Fabrice Balanche. But that did not stop independent lawmaker and former communist Maher Hajjar, a member of the regime-tolerated opposition, from registering his candidacy with the constitutional court. Born in the main northern city of Aleppo in 1968, Hajjar was a member of the Syrian Communist Party until 2000, when he joined the Popular Will party of Qadri Jamil, state television said. Jamil served as deputy foreign minister until October 2013 when Assad fired him and he moved to Moscow. Hajjar "took part in the peaceful, popular movement at the start of the crisis," the state broadcaster said referring to Arab Spring-inspired demonstrations against Assad's rule that erupted in March 2011. The protests quickly escalated into an armed uprising in the face of a deadly crackdown by Assad loyalists, triggering a descent into civil war. As he filed his registration papers, Hajjar said he hoped to obtain the support of the 35 fellow members of the 250-member parliament he needs for his candidacy to be approved. It will be the first presidential election organised by the regime -- previously a referendum was held on a single candidate but that system was replaced by an amendment to the constitution. Election rules require candidates to have lived in Syria for the past decade, effectively preventing key opposition figures in exile from standing. The Syrian opposition has slammed the planned election as a "farce" while the United Nations and the Arab League have warned it will deal a heavy blow to efforts to broker a negotiated peace.

(A handout picture released by the official Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA) shows Syrian President Bashar al-Assad (C-R) arriving along with Grand Mufti Ahmed Hassun (C-L) a meeting with a group of various religious clerics from across Syria yesterday)



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## WikiLeaks source gets a new, female name: Chelsea Manning

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Bradley Manning, the US soldier convicted of leaking a trove of secret documents to the anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks, will now be legally known as Chelsea Manning, a judge ruled Wednesday.

Manning is serving a 35-year prison sentence at Fort Leavenworth in Kansas and had requested the name change after court-martial proceedings revealed the soldier's emotional turmoil over sexual identity. Leavenworth County District Judge David King granted the request to allow Manning "to legally change her name from 'Bradley Edward Manning' to 'Chelsea Elizabeth Manning,'" said a statement issued by his supporters.

In the same statement, Manning praised the result.

"It's worth noting that in both mail and

in-person, I've often been asked, 'Why are you changing your name?' "The answer couldn't be simpler: because it's a far better, richer, and more honest reflection of who I am and always have been -- a woman named Chelsea," Manning said.

Manning has asked authorities for medical treatment, including hormonal replacement therapy, for her gender identity disorder. But the military maintains it does not provide for such treatment. Manning was convicted in August 2013 on espionage charges and other offenses for passing along 700,000 secret documents, including diplomatic cables and military intelligence files, to WikiLeaks in the largest-scale leak in US history. A US Army general denied clemency to Manning last week, upholding the 35-year sentence.



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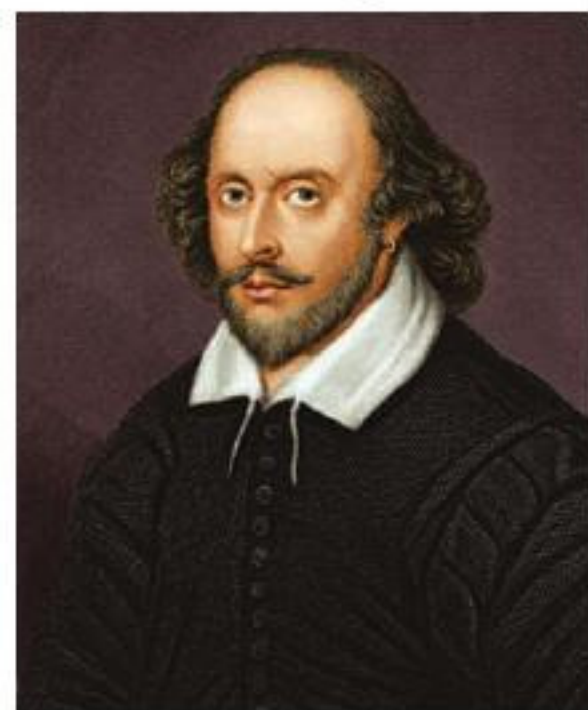
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## WORLD NEWS

# All the world's a stage for Shakespeare's 450th birthday



LONDON (AFP) - William Shakespeare's plays are to be performed in mid-air as Britain celebrates the 450th anniversary of his birth this week, while a tour of "Hamlet" aims to reach every country on Earth.

Shakespeare, the English language's greatest playwright, was baptised on April 26, 1564, and his birthday is traditionally observed on April 23.

The anniversary is being marked with attempts to bring the legendary bard to fresh audiences and capitalise on one of Britain's best cultural exports.

The Reduced Shakespeare Company comic troupe was to attempt to set a world record by performing a one-hour version of his complete works at 37,000 feet (11,300 metres).

They were to perform on an easyJet flight from London to Verona in Italy -- where some of Shakespeare's plays were set.

Back on the ground, the Royal Shakespeare Company was to launch a fireworks display from the roof of their theatre in Stratford-upon-Avon, Shakespeare's home town, to mark his birthday.

Shakespeare's Globe, the re-creation of his wooden theatre on the banks of the River Thames in London, is launching a two-year tour of "Hamlet" that will take in around 200 countries.

# Man shot dead in violent Rio protests

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - A man was shot dead Tuesday during a violent protest in a Rio slum adjoining the tourist district of Copacabana, Brazilian media quoted city hall officials as saying.

The 30-year-old victim was shot in the head during the disturbances and was dead on arrival at hospital, media quoted health authorities as saying.

As protests broke out in Rio's landmark beach-front district, Copacabana, on Tuesday following the death of a resident, an AFP photographer said, less than two months before the World Cup.

Two main thoroughfares were closed after angry demonstrators from a slum set ablaze barricades of tires to protest the death of a dancer.

Brazilian media quoted police sources as saying Douglas Rafael da Silva Pereira, 25, had been killed after being mistaken for a drug trafficker.

Friends of the dead man alleged he was beaten to death after attempting to take refuge in a school in the community, where a Police Pacification Unit (UPP) was set up in December 2009 as part of authorities' efforts to smash organized crime ahead of June's World Cup.

One resident gave an account of how the trouble began. "It started around 5.30 p.m. There was smoke everywhere, shots in the street and people racing for their homes," said a young man living just next to the slum area or favela.

"A number of police special unit trucks have just gone up into the favela. We are stuck at home -- we can't go out," he added as helicopters overflew the zone looking for a drug trafficker nicknamed "Pitbull."

Another resident said electricity supplies had been cut in the area.

Police have been cranking up efforts in recent months to clear favelas in thrall to violent criminals before the month-long World Cup kicks off June 12.

But although a huge slum "pacification" program was launched six years ago and gradually been rolled out to improve security in a city which will also host the 2016 Olympics, the gangs have been fighting back.



Recent weeks have seen several attacks on police, suggesting drug gangs are refusing to go quietly. (A member of the Special Police Operations Battalion (BOPE) takes position at the Cantagalo favela, next to Copacabana)



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# HEALTH & LIVING

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Be sure to try Luisa's acclaimed "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"—"Grandma's Beef Stew," or their fresh, whole snapper, with Mama Luisa's delectable salsa criollo. Don't miss the specialty of the house, a favorite local delicacy, Keshi Yena—"Filled Cheese."



**Keshi Yena or Filled Cheese**

This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It is satisfying and particularly memorable. Regional side dishes and some of Mama's secret recipe preparation of banana hasa and creamy potatoes provide a deliciously picturesque meal.

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. A full menu can be seen on their website, <http://www.thequeen-saruba.com/>.

*The Queen's is open daily from 3:00 pm - 11:00 pm, offering both indoor and outdoor dining. telf. 5860606.*

## Scientists reverse memory loss in mice with Alzheimer's

MADRID (AFP) - Spanish scientists have for the first time used gene therapy to reverse memory loss in mice with Alzheimer's, an advance that could lead to new drugs to treat the disease, they said Wednesday.

The Autonomous University of Barcelona team injected a gene which causes the production of a protein that is blocked in patients with Alzheimer's into the hippocampus -- a region of the brain essential to memory processing -- in mice that were in the initial stages of the disease.

"The protein that was re-instated by the gene therapy triggers the signals needed to activate the genes involved in long-term memory consolidation," the university said in a statement.

Gene therapy involves transplanting genes into a patient's cells to correct an

otherwise incurable disease caused by a failure of one or another gene.

"The hope is that this study could lead to the development of pharmaceutical drugs that can activate these genes in humans and allow for the recovery of memory," the head of the research team, Carlos Saura, told AFP.

Alzheimer's, caused by toxic proteins that destroy brain cells, is the most common form of dementia.

Worldwide, 35.6 million people suffer from the fatal degenerative disease, which is currently incurable, and there are 7.7 million new cases every year, according to a 2012 report from the World Health Org.

## Exercise and stress: *Get moving to manage stress*

Virtually any form of exercise, from aerobics to yoga, can act as a stress reliever. If you're not an athlete or even if you're downright out of shape, you can still make a little exercise go a long way toward stress management. Discover the connection between exercise and stress relief — and why exercise should be part of your stress management plan.

**\* It pumps up your endorphins.** Physical activity helps to bump up the production of your brain's feel-good neurotransmitters, called endorphins.

**\* It's meditation in motion.** As you begin to regularly shed your daily tensions through movement and physical activity, you may find that this focus on a single task, and the resulting energy and optimism, can help you remain calm and clear in everything that you do.

**\* It improves your mood.** Regular exercise can increase self-confidence and lower the symptoms associated with mild depression and anxiety.

Exercise also can improve your sleep, which is often disrupted by stress, depression and anxiety. All this can ease your stress levels and give you a sense of command over your body and your life.

**Do what you love.** Virtually any form of exercise or movement can increase your fitness level while decreasing your stress. The most important thing is to pick an activity that you enjoy. Examples include walking, stair climbing, jogging, bicycling, yoga, tai chi, gardening, weightlifting and swimming.

**Stick with it.** Whatever you do, don't think of exercise as just one more thing on your to-do list.

**Consult with your doctor.** If you haven't exercised for some time and you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor before starting a new exercise routine.

**Walk before you run.** Build up your fitness level gradually. Excitement about a new program can lead to overdoing it and possibly even injury.



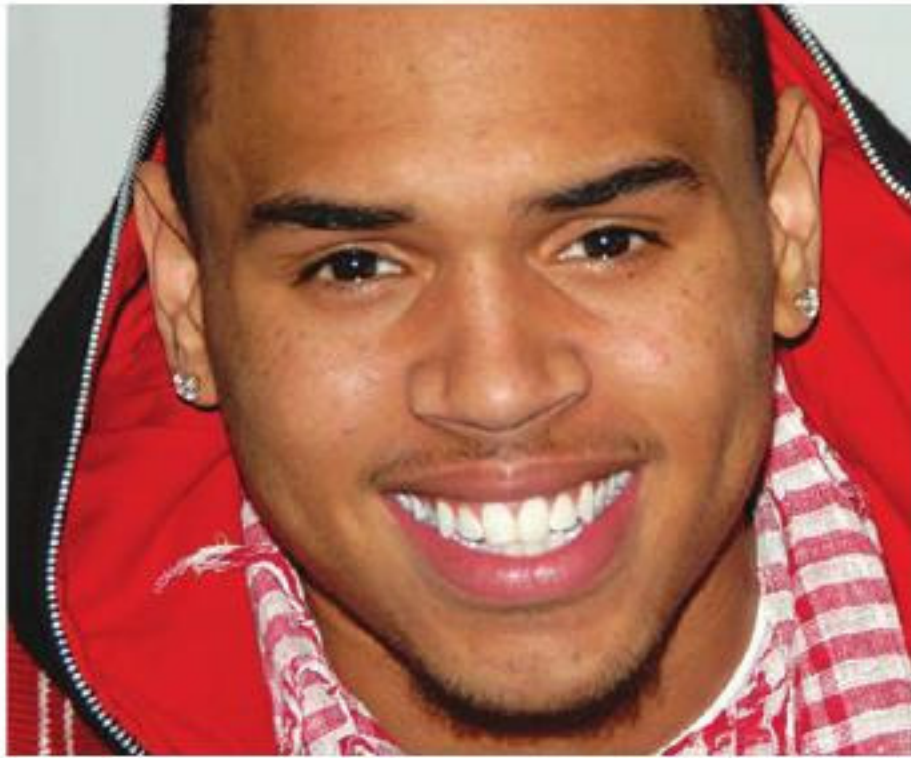




# ENTERTAINMENT

## Trial postponed, Chris Brown heads back to LA

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A judge postponed Chris Brown's trial on Wednesday, saying he should not be held and must return to probationary hearing. Misdemeanor charges against Brown are postponed. Brown is in Washington for a hearing on June 25. Brown, bodyguard Chris Hollosy, accused of punching a woman outside a trendy hotel after the singer man's request for a victim, Brown faces up jail in Washington. But he is slapped with more bars in Los Angeles, where a court recently remanded him in custody for breaching the terms of his probation in a high-profile 2009 case when he pleaded guilty to assaulting his then-girlfriend, the R&B diva Rihanna. Brown, appearing in court in a dark blue suit, was tossed out of a court-ordered rehab program in March. He is being tried separately from Hollosy, who was found guilty on Monday. Hollosy had been called as a witness in Brown's case, and was expected to testify that only he struck 20-year-old Parker Adams. But lawyers for the bodyguard said he would not testify unless prosecutors provided him immunity. Hollosy is expected to appeal his verdict, and his lawyers do not want him to take the stand without immunity, something the government said it is refusing to offer. District of Columbia Superior Court Judge Franklin Burgess said he did not want Brown languishing in custody in Washington, perhaps for months, pending Hollosy's appeal. "My goal would be to get him back to California," Burgess told the court. Brown's lawyer Mark Geragos concurred, adding: "It's a little over the top to have him in custody on this misdemeanor." US marshals will now escort Brown back to Los Angeles, where a judge will rule whether he will spend more time in jail. The cross-country trip on "Con Air," the federal prisoner transport system, takes about a week, according to Geragos, who described the ordeal as "onerous." Brown, who is also a dancer and actor, took the Grammy award for best R&B album in 2012.



US judge postponed assault trial of the R&B singer in legal limbo in California for a status hearing. After his trial on was twice now due back status hearing 24, and his loss, 35, were man last Oct. Washington rejected the photo. If con- to six months in he could also time behind

## Singer of the Week @ Sweet Peppers Restaurant

Anthony and Janet Fusco, from New Jersey, have been coming to Aruba since 1999. Every year they spent 3 fun filled, shining weeks at the Caribbean Palm Village Resort. They are very much in love with the island. This year they are celebrating their 42 wedding anniversary. They had a very relaxing time at the Sweet Peppers Restaurant, sipping their favorite drinks and enjoying the restaurant's succulent menu. And, every Wednesday night, is Karaoke Dance Party at Sweet Peppers and Anthony decided to participate. That night they were celebrating their wedding anniversary so he decided to sing for his beloved wife Janet. And guess what? He won, earning the title of Singer of the Week. Needless to say they were very happy. Photo shows the happy couple with a nice bouquet that Janet received, courtesy of Sweet Peppers Restaurant.



## Led Zeppelin unveil unheard recordings

LONDON (AFP) - Rock giants Led Zeppelin on Wednesday unveiled two previously unheard recordings ahead of the re-issue of the band's first three albums in June. The two tracks -- an early version of their classic track "Whole Lotta Love", and a 1970 cover of blues standard "Keys to the Highway" -- are among dozens of tracks which will be officially released along with the re-issued albums. Guitarist Jimmy Page, 70, chose the material after painstakingly searching through the tracks, which have been stored in the band's archive for decades. The band say the material will give fans a taste of their early studio sessions -- the soon-to-be-released discs feature alternative versions of songs, works in progress and live performances. Singer Robert Plant said: "It was a particularly prolific time, where we were learning about each other's capabilities." He said when listening to the re-discovered tracks now he was sometimes shocked by his younger self. "My enthusiasm sometimes got in the way of finesse," he said in a BBC interview. "I listen to it and I go 'wow, why didn't I shut up a bit?'. "Keys to the Highway/Trouble in Mind", which will appear on the Led Zeppelin III re-issue, was recorded in 1970 but never released. The early version of "Whole Lotta Love" that will appear on the Led Zeppelin II compilation is significantly different from the final track. The original is missing the first chorus and middle section and new vocals and a slide guitar appear on the finished version. "You realise just how important all of those additional layers and the filigree work is," Page said. Led Zeppelin broke up in 1980, but interest in the band remains intense. The surviving members reunited seven years ago for a concert at London's O2 but Plant said the chances of the band performing live again were "zero".

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# SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

## Pakistan raises \$1.1 billion with 3G, 4G licence auction

ISLAMABAD (AFP) - Pakistan on Wednesday raised more than \$1.1 billion in its long-delayed auction of next-generation telecommunications licences, snapped up by the country's four existing mobile network providers. The government sold off four licences to provide 3G services, which allow broadband-speed internet on mobile phones, and one for superfast 4G connections.

The total is close to the \$1.2 billion estimated for the sale in the federal budget for 2013-14 but below a bullish prediction of \$2 billion made by Finance Minister Ishaq Dar in January.

The government of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif was elected last year on a platform of boosting Pakistan's floundering economy and ministers hope the licence sale will bring a boost by improving communications.

Pakistan has more than 132 million mobile phone subscribers but has lagged behind its neighbours in setting up 3G, which is now the norm in many countries.

Even Afghanistan, Pakistan's far less developed western neighbour with a weaker economy and more fragile state, has had the technology since 2012.

The successful bidders for 3G services were Norway's Telenor, Russian-owned Mobilink, Ufone, owned by the Pakistani government, and Zong -- part of China Mobile.

All four operators are already established players in the Pakistani mobile market.

Zong also won one of two licences available for 4G services. The second will be auctioned later.

Sikanadar Naqi, a Zong advisor, told AFP the company would begin 3G services in the cities of

Lahore and Karachi immediately.

The final bids for the 3G licences totalled \$902.82 million, while the 4G licence went to Zong for the reserve price of \$210 million.

Dar said the government would receive half of the money up front and the rest in five annual installments.

The chief executive of Mobilink congratulated fellow bidders and the Pakistan Telecommunications Authority (PTA) on what he said had been a "transparent" process.

"After this auction, not only 132 million subscribers but the whole Pakistani nation has taken the road of progress," Rashid Khan said.

A study by the UK-based Plum consultancy in August last year said 3G could boost Pakistan's GDP by between 380 billion and 1,180 billion rupees (\$3.8 billion to \$11.8 billion) by 2020.

Up to 900,000 extra jobs could be created and between 23 billion and 70 billion rupees in additional tax revenue generated by 3G, the Plum report said.

Cheap mobile phone telephony took Pakistan by storm in the early 2000s, but only 3.3 million people are signed up to broadband internet, according to PTA figures, offering a huge, untapped market for faster web speeds.

Information Technology Minister Anusha Rehman hailed the auction as a boon for Pakistanis unable to afford computers and fixed-line internet connections.

But while many welcomed the long-awaited advent of 3G, some on social media lamented the continuing government ban on video-sharing website YouTube.

## Brazil hosts meeting to craft Internet governance rules



SAO PAULO - (AFP) Demonstrators holding papers to be cut to make portraits of Edward Snowden protest during the opening ceremony of the "NETmundial - Global Multistakeholder Meeting on the Future of Internet Governance", on April 23, 2014 in Sao Paulo, Brazil. NETmundial is a forum that gathers international entities of the various stakeholders involved with Internet governance and has as focus on the elaboration of principles of Internet governance and the proposal for a roadmap for future development of this ecosystem. President Dilma Rousseff had called the two-day NetMundial meeting in a bid to find ways to curb abuses following the furore sparked by allegations of US spying revealed in documents leaked by former intelligence contractor Edward Snowden.

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# ECONOMY

## US oil stockpiles hit record amid production boom

NEW YORK (AFP) - US commercial oil stockpiles hit a new record last week on the strength of continued growth in oil and gas production in the world's biggest oil-consuming country.

Commercial stocks rose 3.5 million barrels to 397.7 million barrels for the week ended April 18, according to US Energy Information Administration data released yesterday.

That is the highest level

of inventories since the EIA began releasing weekly data in 1982. It is highest level of commercial stocks since 1932, according to monthly data kept by the agency.

"It's a real renaissance for the US oil production industry," said John Kilduff, founding partner at Again Capital.

Domestic oil production has risen to 8.4 million barrels per day compared with 7.3 million a year ago, driven

by new production from oil shale deposits.

Kilduff said infrastructure for storing crude in the US Gulf Coast refining and distribution hub is nearing capacity. If the Gulf Coast reaches the limit of its storage capacity, that would prevent the US from accepting additional imports. As a result, crude shipments could be displaced onto the international market, likely resulting in lower oil prices.



MIAMI, Florida - A worker delivers fuel to a Shell gas station on April 23, 2014 in Miami, Florida. According to the Lundberg Survey the average price for a gallon of regular gas is now \$3.69 - the highest price since March of last year.

(AFP PHOTO)

## Amazon Prime wins deal with HBO

NEW YORK (AFP) - Amazon scored a deal yesterday to distribute old shows from premium cable TV channel HBO to its monthly Prime subscribers, landing a blow on rival Netflix in the streaming video battle.

Amazon said the multi-year deal would allow it to stream top HBO shows from past years like "The Sopranos", "The Wire" and others to Prime Instant Video service customers, who pay a monthly fee for unlimited viewing.

Until now HBO had distributed its shows via streaming to customers of its own HBO GO

service.

The shows could also be watched on a pay-per-view basis via Amazon and other redistributors.

For the newest HBO content, viewers will still have to subscribe directly to the company or watch them on HBO cable channels.

No mention was made in the announcement of HBO's current hit, "Game of Thrones".

"HBO original content is some of the most-popular across Amazon Instant Video -- our customers love watching these shows," said Brad Beale, Amazon's director of con-

tent acquisition.

"Now Prime members can enjoy a collection of great HBO shows on an unlimited basis, at no additional cost to their Prime membership."

The companies gave no information on how much Amazon would pay HBO for the deal. The service officially launches for viewers on May 21.

The deal amounts to a blow to Netflix, the pioneer in large-scale distribution of video on demand.

Netflix has regarded HBO as its principal rival and will now face much more substantial competition from an Amazon offering HBO

shows.

HBO has built a dedicated audience on its original programming, which has garnered award after award over more than two decades.

### Yesterday's Crossword Answer

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## Facebook earnings jump to \$642 mn on 72% revenue gain

NEW YORK (AFP) - Facebook profits jumped to \$642 million in the first quarter on a 72 percent surge in revenues, helped by gains in mobile users and mobile advertising, the company reported yesterday.

Advertising revenues on the huge social network were up 82 percent from a year ago, the company said.

Of that, earnings

from mobile ads comprised 59 percent of that, compared with 53 percent in the fourth quarter of last year.

Mobile users continued to dominate the growth picture for the company: daily active users were up 21 percent from a year ago to 802 million, and of them mobile users totaled 609 million, a year-on-year gain of 43 percent.



SHANGHAI -- A Chinese guest poses for a photo by a Tesla "supercharger" on a car hand-over ceremony in Shanghai as American electric carmaker Tesla Motors delivers their Model S cars to its first buyers in China on April 23, 2014. Tesla Motors has caused a splash in China with aggressive advertising and by pitching its vehicles to luxury buyers, although analysts said they might only find a niche market. (AFP)

## US new-home sales dive 14.5% in March

WASHINGTON, (AFP) - US new-home sales dived in March, the second month in a row of slower sales, according to official data released Wednesday adding to signs of weakness in the housing market.

New single-family houses

were sold at a rate of 384,000 units annually in March, from February's revised rate of 449,000 units, the Commerce Department said.

It was the steepest monthly decline since last July. Analysts on average estimated the sales pace increased

to 455,000. Sales were down 13.3 percent from a year ago.

New-home sales are a small part of the US housing market, where recovery is stalling after a rise in mortgage interest rates last year and a brutal winter in the first months of 2014.



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**PICKLES**  
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THANKS FOR THE CHOCOLATE BUNNY, GRAMPA.

YOU'RE WELCOME.

IT'S EARS ARE MISSING, THOUGH.

YEAH, SORRY ABOUT THAT.

I WISH I COULD GET A REAL LIVE BUNNY FOR EASTER.

OH, I DON'T THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA. IT'D ONLY LEAD TO HEARTACHE.

WHEN I WAS LITTLE WE LIVED ON A FARM, AND ONE YEAR I GOT A LITTLE RABBIT FOR EASTER.

I LOVED THAT RABBIT. MY DAD TOLD ME HIS NAME WAS STU.

I THOUGHT IT WAS SHORT FOR STUART.

SNIFF!

IT WASN'T. IT WAS STEW.

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## CROSSWORD

### EASY CROSSWORD 60


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- Piece of concrete
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  - Actor Malden
  - Stack
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  - Iditarod destination
  - Highland fling
  - Abby's sister
  - "Born Free" lioness
  - Young Highlander
  - \_\_\_ de France
  - Scale start (3 wds.)
  - Police officer's vehicle, informally (2 wds.)
  - Poet's "before"
  - Unaffiliated voter (abbr.)
  - Huge
  - Thomas \_\_\_ Edison
  - Feature of Letterman's smile
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- Scatters
- Impertinent talk
- \_\_\_ Lanka
- With competence
- Zoo animal
- Coke flavor
- "Shrek" star Cameron
- Neither hide \_\_\_ hair
- Hockey star Lindros
- Pinnacle
- Sesame and Wall (abbr.)
- Charge per unit
- Apr.'s season
- False statement
- Pub beverage
- Dixie damsel
- Inserting a cartridge
- Tavern
- \_\_\_ boom
- Patella protector
- Internet service (abbr.)
- Abbr. in a real estate listing
- Grassy field
- French friend
- Reaction to an IM joke
- College heads
- Leisure suit fabric
- Variety show
- Oreo filler
- Radiant
- Jockey's "controls"
- Marx's "\_\_\_ Kapital"
- Dissect for examination
- Quarterbacks, at times
- \_\_\_ mask
- Middle (abbr.)
- Extends across
- Kind of potato masher
- Tooth-pullers' org.
- Pen company
- \_\_\_ into (thrash)
- Cook's need
- "Are you a man \_\_\_ mouse?" (2 wds.)
- Used a match
- Highest card

## Sudoku

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**SOLUTION**

Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9. A number is Never repeated in a row or column. In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9.





# WRITE-UPS

## Redfish offers an authentic taste of Arubiana close to low-rise resorts

ORANJESTAD - Our team of taste-testers at THE MORNING NEWS have discovered a surprising island treat within easy reach of the island's principal resort areas. Redfish restaurant, located within the new Orange Mall, on the Sasaki highway next to the turn off for the "low rise" resorts, is an authentic "fish shack" with a charming, informal ambiance and al fresco dining.

Herbie Merryweather, founder of the Driftwood in Oranjestad, and owner of the deep sea charter boat of the same name, is a fanatic about fish. If you have that some appreciation for the sweet and singular flavor of fresh Caribbean seafood, then you will be very pleased with a meal at Redfish.

This is casual dining, and you will likely end up eating with your fingers. (They do provide moist tow-elette packets) The menu is, for the most part, the real deal, fresh grouper, or snapper (Piska Cora in Papiamentu, or Redfish) and shrimp. There are chicken and steak dishes to accommodate landlubbers, but



*A pound of Grouper*

make no mistake, you are there for the fish.

Too many restaurants on Aruba have taken to serving frozen farm fish filets, claiming it is grouper or snapper, but you know you are getting fresh, locally caught fish when they are served in the steaks like they are at Redfish. Delicately coated with a sprinkling of flour and

herbs, they are flash fried and the fish is moist and incredibly tender. The mild Creole sauce served on the side is one of the best we have ever tasted, and they serve some extra Papaya Pica for those that like to spice it up a bit.

Portions are served by the pound and half pound, with your choice of whatever is fresh that day. We

selected a pound of grouper and half pound of snapper, which were served with an ample supply of traditional island side dishes, and it was more than enough for three hungry people. Combination platters of fish and shrimp, great for nibbling and watching a sporting event on their giant plasma screen, are also available.

The best part? The prices. Geared to a local trade, (and you will find islanders there in force for lunch) a half pound fish platter with sides is \$10.85; a full pound, meant to be shared by two, with double the side dishes, is \$20. Not only that, but Redfish is an easy, pleasant walk from all the resorts at Manchebo Beach, and the service staff are very pleasant and eager to please.

Open from noon until 10:00 PM, Redfish is providing something that has certainly been lacking close to the resort areas, an authentic taste of fresh caught fish, with a distinctive island flavor and ambiance.

Closed on Mondays, they accept cash and travelers checks only. Highly recommended.

## Murano Bijoux and More Paseo Herencia Aruba

We found this unique store in Aruba: the Authentic Murano Glass jewelry and decorations, from Murano- Italy, to Aruba.

"Murano Glass" is only made on the island of Murano. Murano is one of the islands that compose Venice, "Venezia" in Italian.

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Murano Bijoux and More is a piece of Venice in Aruba.

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## Football: Mourinho, Faria, Ramires charged by FA

LONDON (AFP) - Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho, assistant Rui Faria and midfielder Ramires have been charged over their behaviour during their side's loss to Sunderland last weekend, the Football Association announced on Wednesday.

Mourinho mocked match referee Mike Dean after the game, which Sunderland won 2-1 through an 82nd-minute Fabio Borini penalty to condemn the Portuguese to his first ever home league defeat as Chelsea manager.

Faria was sent to the stands for angrily confronting the match officials, while Ramires appeared to strike Sunderland midfielder Sebastian Larsson in an off-the-ball incident during the first half.

"Jose Mourinho has been charged with misconduct in respect of post-match comments he made following the fixture," read a statement on the FA website.

Speaking after the game, Mourinho told Sky Sports: "Congratulations to Mike Dean, because he made a fantastic performance."

"And congratulations to Mike Riley (head of refereeing body Professional Game Match Officials Limited), because what they did during the season was fantastic for the way the championship is going."

Dean's decision to award Sunderland a penalty after Cesar Azpilicueta slid in on Jozy Altidore prompted a furious reaction

in the home dug-out, with Faria having to be restrained by Mourinho as he shouted at the referee.

Faria has been charged with two counts of misconduct, with the FA designating his case "a non-standard case due to the aggressive and/or threatening and/or serious nature of the reported behaviour".

Ramires, meanwhile, has been charged with violent conduct over the incident with Larsson, in which the Brazilian midfielder appeared to swing his arm into his opponent's face.

As Dean missed the incident, it was referred to a three-man review panel of former elite referees.

"In this case the panel were unanimous that it was an act of violent conduct," the FA said.

Ramires has until 6pm local time (1700 GMT) on Thursday to respond to the charge, while Mourinho and Faria have until the same time on Monday.

Mourinho has had two previous run-ins with match officials this season.

He was fined and warned as to his future conduct after being sent to the stands during a 1-0 loss at Aston Villa in March, in which Ramires was sent off, and was also fined for being sent off in a game at Cardiff City in October.

## Tennis: Nadal wins but Ferrer crashes out in Barcelona



BARCELONA (AFP) - Rafael Nadal began his bid for a record ninth title at the Barcelona Open on Wednesday with a 7-6 (7/2), 6-4 defeat of journeyman Albert Ramos with his chances also boosted as four-time finalist David Ferrer crashed out.

Nadal, the top seed, put his loss last week in the Monte Carlo quarter-finals to Ferrer out of his mind in a match lasting just over two hours against compatriot Ramos in a battle of left-handers.

Nadal's second-round win lifted his record at the event to 41-1.

Nadal spent 64 minutes in claiming the opening set against Ramos, ranked 103, who also lost to Nadal here in a 2013 quarter-final.

Nadal found his comfort zone in the second set to secure the win and a Thursday match against Croatian Ivan Dodig, who hammered Spanish 13th seed Feliciano Lopez 6-1, 6-4.

Ferrer, 32, lost 6-4, 6-2 to Russian Teimuraz Gabashvili. Last season Ferrer was defeated at the same stage, going out to Dmitry Tursunov after losing a quartet of finals to Nadal over the years in the Catalan capital.

Gabashvili won the opening set in 44 minutes with a break in the final game, when Ferrer hit the net trying to return a forehand drive.

The Spaniard was able to convert on only one of six break points in the opener as his opponent successfully defended.

In the second, the challenger did not let up, breaking the unsteady Ferrer for 2-0 and finishing off the upset as he broke Ferrer to win it on a second match point, with the Spaniard putting a forehand long into the corner.

Gabashvili, ranked 55th, is playing in Barcelona for the eighth time and had never got further than the second round.

Ferrer went down in 80 minutes, converting only one of eight break point chances while losing his own serve four times and serving four double faults.

The victory was the best for Gabashvili since upsetting Andy Roddick in the third round of the French Open four years ago.

Two Spaniards advanced, with sixth seed Nicolas Almagro beating Slovak Martin Klizan 7-5, 7-6 (7/4) and Albert Montanes defeating eighth seed Alexandr Dolgoplov of the Ukraine 7-6 (7/5), 6-3.

## Baseball: Pujols hits milestone with career homer 500



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Dominican slugger Albert Pujols smacked two home runs off Washington pitcher Taylor Jordan on Tuesday to reach the 500-homer career milestone in the Los Angeles Angels' 7-2 victory. Pujols became the first player in Major League Baseball history to smash his 499th and 500th homers in the same game. The 14-season veteran blasted a three-run homer off Jordan in the first inning and belted a two-run homer off him in the sixth to reach the landmark. Pujols, 34, became only the 26th player to reach 500 homers and only the fourth to do so in his first 14 major league seasons, a list that also includes Willie Mays and two players who have admitted using performance-enhancing substances, Mark McGwire and Alex Rodriguez.



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# The 29th CARIFTA Synchronize and Open Water Championships begin with a stunning welcome ceremony



**ORANJESTAD** - On Tuesday, April 22, Aruba was proud to host the commencement ceremonies of the 29th edition of the Caribbean Free Trade Association- CARIFTA-annual Aquatic Games at the Roly Bisslick Olympic Pool in Savaneta.

Athletes from 19 Caribbean nations have traveled to Aruba to compete. They were welcomed by Minister of Labor, Social and Youth Affairs, Paul Croes and Parliamentarian Donny Rasmijn. Participating nations in the four days of competition include Antigua and Barbuda, which led the march of athletes before families, referees and supporters. Aruban dance school Club di Movimiento staged a rousing welcoming show.

President of the Aruba Swim Association,

Marion Kan, extended a heartfelt welcome to all the athletes who traveled to Aruba to participate in the CARIFTA 2014, hoping that aside from the swim meets, they would find time to explore and discover the many attractions Aruba has to offer.

She also expressed the appreciation of the Aruba Swim Association to the organizing committee for the event, and the tireless volunteers who have worked ceaselessly since January to prepare for a successful and memorable tournament. Mrs. Kan asserted that today, in hosting this event successfully, we are always looking to the future of such sport disciplines as racing and synchronized swimming, insuring that Aruba is well represented and welcomed in future events.

She acknowledged the Aruban government and their patronage, which has contributed greatly to CARIFTA 2014, "without whose assistance it would have been impossible to organize a swim tournament of such magnitude as this." Minister Croes also expressed his admiration and gratitude to all the athletes and coaches who traveled to Aruba to participate, wishing them welcome and all success during the coming four days of competition. In closing, Minister Croes officially declared CARIFTA 2014 open.

The ceremony ended with noted Aruban swimmer Jordy Groters reciting the credo of the competing athletes, with Jennifer Soekander reciting the Referee's Pledge, followed by a delightful presentation by the Aruba Synchronized Swimming Team.



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# Football: FIFA suspends Barcelona transfer ban

ZURICH (AFP) - FIFA on Wednesday suspended a ban on Barcelona signing players while the club makes an appeal against a 14-month transfer ban.

World football's governing body, which imposed the sanction this month for breaching rules on the registration of minors, announced in a statement that the ban would be temporarily suspended allowing Barca to sign players during the summer transfer window

which opens on July 1.

The Spanish champions are in desperate need of an overhaul in the summer transfer window after a difficult season which is likely to see them miss out on a major trophy for the first time in six years.

Replacements are primarily needed for goalkeeper Victor Valdes and club captain Carles Puyol who have both announced their intention to leave the club at the end of the current campaign.

Barcelona has appealed against what would be a dramatic restriction on its operations and asked for the sanction to be suspended, the FIFA statement said.

FIFA Appeal Committee chairman Larry Mussenden agreed that the appeal meant the ban should be suspended.

Mussenden "took into consideration the sanctions imposed against the club, the complexity of the matter, the start date of the next registration period - 1 July

2014 - and the fact that the FIFA Appeal Committee does not seem in a position to take a decision on the main issue early enough so that an eventual appeal of the club against its decision before the Court of Arbitration for Sport would still be decided before the beginning of the next registration period," said FIFA.

Mussenden "assures that proper and adequate appeal proceedings will take place and, at the same time, that

all rights of the club will be respected."

FIFA's disciplinary committee imposed the transfer ban on April 2 after finding Barcelona guilty of "serious" breaches of rules on under-age players.

It also fined the Spanish Football Association (RFEF) for allowing the deals.

The Spanish champions were given 90 days to regularise the situation of 10 minor players.

Barcelona president Josep Maria Bartomeu described the ban as a "grave injustice" and insisted the club intend to make moves in the transfer market this summer.

There are two transfer windows in the 14 month ban, one starting in July and running to the start of the new Spanish season. The second would be in January 2015.

In 2010, FIFA imposed a similar transfer window ban against Chelsea over the signing of French youngster Gael Kakuta. It was overturned after Chelsea reached an agreement with the player's former club Lens.

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### Football: Prague pulls out of Euro 2020 contention

PRAGUE (AFP) - Prague on Wednesday withdrew from the race to stage matches at Euro 2020, the Czech Football Federation (FACR) announced.

The Czech Republic capital was vying to become one of 13 different host cities for the 2020 championships.

Prague had been hoping to stage three first round matches and a quarter-final.

The federation blamed the pull-out on city authorities' refusal to provide financial guarantees.

In its defence the Prague authorities on Tuesday had described FACR's Euro 2020 project as "incomplete".

Euro 2020 bid dossiers must be submitted to UEFA by Friday with European football's ruling body set to announce the winners in September.